

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1583 - HB 1717

April 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that hospitals are not liable for the acts or omissions of contracted physicians and requires the hospital to post limited liability notices. Authorizes hospitals to employ radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, and emergency physicians and deletes restrictions as to where these physicians, as well as obstetricians and pediatricians, can practice.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the provisions of the proposed legislation will not impact the Board of Medical Examiners or the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- Department of Health surveyors will regulate the notification requirement during regular hospital inspections. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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